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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of pending patent application serial number 09/797,327, filed on March 1, 2001, to issue as U.S. Patent No. 6,651,755 on November 25, 2003 to which Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

The divisional application is entitled "MACRO ASSISTED CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING MACHINE," for which the inventorship is identified on the attached Declaration (3 total pages) from the prior pending application. We are transmitting herewith the following:

1. ☒ A divisional patent application, with a new specification incorporating the prior pending application by reference. The new application is as follows: Pages 1-36 having 1 page of abstract, and 57 new claims, 14 sheets of drawings having Figures 1-2, 3A-3B and 4-13; and 3 pages of declaration from the prior application. No new matter has been added.
2. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 \$1,436.00 (VERA.030D1) in payment of the filing fee with authority given to credit/charge this Deposit Account to complete filing.

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 57 -20	37	X	\$18.00	\$666.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 3 -3	0	X	\$86.00	0.00
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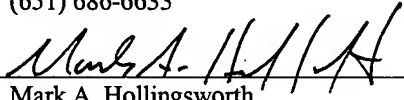
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3. ☒ **The first paragraph has the following priority information:**
"This is a divisional of Serial No. 09/797,327, filed March 1, 2001, now U.S. 6,651,755, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein."
4. ☒ A set of drawings (14 sheets) is enclosed.
5. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: **Vermeer Manufacturing Company, Pella, IA.**
6. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:
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